

Support asked for Gypsum strike

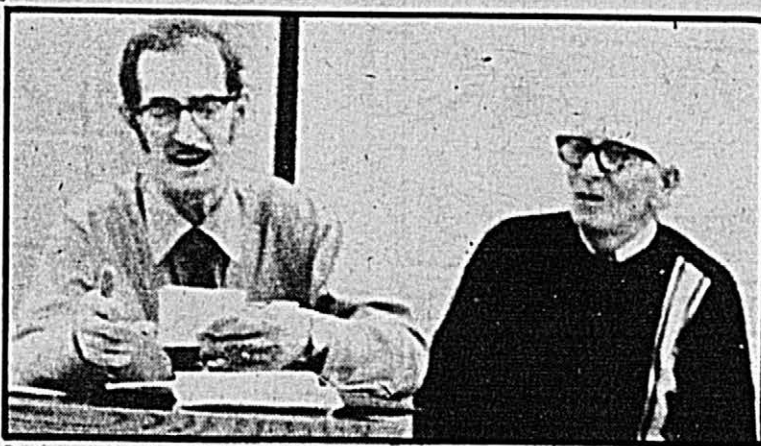
by Janine Amandine

Three striking workers from Canadian Gypsum's Joliette plant yesterday appealed for financial support to continue their 18-month struggle against the company. All 80 employees of the Joliette plant are on strike for increased salaries and improved working conditions.

Francis Coffey, a Canadian Gypsum employee for 22 years, said that he was being paid only the base salary of \$2.65 an hour, at least \$1.00 less than workers in similar plants in Quebec.

Josephat Jette, an employee of Canadian Gypsum for 28 years and father of 15 children, said that the demands for improved working conditions were even more important than those for increased salaries.

Jette said the workers' other demands are implementation of the Rand formula to group all of the workers at the Joliette plant under one union, a forty-hour work week with non-compulsory overtime, a cost of living increase and salary indexation.



Gypsum workers Josephat Jette and Francis Coffey.

A court injunction issued by Judge G.H. Montgomery allows the company to maintain maximum production while the workers are on strike by hiring scab labourers. Coffey said, "We have 11 scabs who are working there. The injunction forces us to pay the company for the scabs."

According to the Joliette union, much material produced by scab labour during the strike

has been of poor quality. Coffey said, "Scab production is eight to ten percent of normal production."

The injunction specifies that the striking workers will give Canadian Gypsum a compensation fee of \$1,500,000. This includes reimbursing the company for strikebreaking and security expenditures. Any worker not obeying the injunction is liable for \$50,000 and six to twelve months imprisonment.

Canadian Gypsum is one of 120 subsidiary companies of the multinational US Gypsum Corporation. There are five Canadian Gypsum plants in Quebec. The Joliette plant produces exterior wallpaper and other construction materials.

The strikers were receiving \$80 strike pay per week at the beginning of the strike, but this amount has decreased to \$65 due to lack of funds. Donations by the public have been given to aid the workers. Jette said, "Le peuple... on a reçu beaucoup de secours."

The workers are awaiting negotiations with the company with regard to their demands.

There will be a solidarity evening for the Canadian Gypsum workers at the l'église St. Edouard on the corner of Beaubien and St. Denis Streets tonight at 7:30.

Why a strike after 20 years?

by Craig Price

Two of the three Canadian Gypsum workers who spoke here yesterday are especially well qualified to talk about the work conditions that drove them to strike. Francis Coffey, 63 years, and Josephat Jette, 61 years, are family men, one with 10 children, the other with 15; up until now, they have worked loyally for the same company for 22 and 28 years respectively.

But now they are angry and determined — for the last 18 months, they have battled a huge multinational for the right to a decent living. They are receiving only \$65 a week strike compensation from the union.

They say they won't stop struggling against the huge multinational and its friend, the government, which keeps meting out injunctions fining the workers for "troubling" the company.

The injunctions say not only that the workers have to compensate the company for its difficulties, but the workers are supposed to reimburse the farmers the company hired as scabs for their tomato crop losses.

Coffey says, "It sounds unbelievable, we know, but just read the injunctions for yourself."

Coffey explains that he

"started working with the company 22 years ago because at the time it offered the second highest salary in the area." That was before it was bought by Canadian Gypsum. Now, he says, after all these years he is still making the base salary of \$2.65 an hour. "They won't promote me because of my outspokenness," he explains.

Jette went to work, he says, after his father died when he was a boy. To help support his family he dropped out of fourth grade to earn wages.

Both Coffey and his fellow worker are cheerful despite the difficult times. They said that their families are "faring OK" on \$65 a week plus donations from other unions, supporters and priests. As Coffey puts it, "We're not going to give in to the company even if we have to beg in the streets for pennies."

The workers said that students can help their struggle by donating "even small amounts" to their strike fund and by lending the workers moral support. For those who want to know more about the strike, Jette said he could be reached through his Joliette home phone number, 1-756-6412.

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Classic books fights union

by Lewis Gotthell

Classic bookstore employees are fighting to have a union that will bargain to win equal pay for equal work, overtime pay, sick leave, and a pension plan.

A vote to be held on November 28 and 29 will determine if most Classic employees favour having a union as their sole representative in collective bargaining with the management.

The owner of Classic Bookshops, Louis Melzack, runs a mini-empire of 42 bookstores which sell more than \$8 million worth of books annually.

According to the union and a recently published government report, Melzack's response to the union drive has been intimidation.

The Union of Classic Bookstore Employees (CNTU) was founded last November by ten employees from five Classic stores. As the union attracted more and more members, gaining a foothold in the Classic warehouse and in 13 out of 15 Montreal shops, Melzack started a campaign against the union.

In February, the union asked to have a provincial government hearing, charging that Melzack had systematically violated the Labour Code.

After considering the evidence presented, Roger Levalier, an investigative commissioner of the ministry of labour reported, "I have come to the conclusion, that as a result of the activities of the employer, the employees were prevented from freely exercising their right to belong to a union."

Since the union has appeared, many changes have occurred within Classic Bookshops. According to employees, pressure from the union has given the full-time employees a \$100 weekly starting salary (before the minimum wage rose on November 1), increased sick leave, cost-of-living indexing, and a 39-hour work week.

Social Science Conference:

The Mouvement Revolutionnaire des Etudiants Quebec is sponsoring a conference on "The Social Sciences and Society", with Professor John Thompson, History; Professor Phil Ehrensaft, Sociology; and Julian Sher, MREQ member. Noon in Union B26-27.

Workers' Support Committee:

Committee members and others will be leaving the Union lobby at 6:30 to go to solidarity evening for Canadian Gypsum workers.



Mark Sandilford

Christmas exam schedules are already posted, as this student has discovered.



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Engineering	2 representatives
Architecture	1 representative
Management	1 representative
Education	1 representative
Music	1 representative
Nursing (B.Sc.N.)	1 representative
Physical & Occupational Therapy	1 representative

2. Representatives from the following Schools and Faculties may be in any but their final year, having spent at least one full academic year at McGill University, and must be in good academic standing with the University.

Religious Studies	1 representative
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Medicine	1 representative

* All nominations must be signed by 25 students of the Faculty or School concerned, or by 25% of the students of the Faculty or School, whichever is less, and countersigned by the nominee with his address and phone number.

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From our readers

Parti Quebecois a force for change?

The fifth national convention of the Parti Quebecois, which took place in Quebec city this weekend, decided that it wanted to take power in the next provincial election.

The main element in this strategy was the adoption of a referendum as the mechanism to achieve independence, while previously it had maintained that election to power would provide a sufficient mandate.

According to the motion finally formulated, the P.Q. would set independence procedures, such as bilateral negotiations with Ottawa and the drafting of a constitution, into motion immediately after its accession to power. Independence would not be declared officially, however, until a referendum on the question was successful.

The P.Q.'s choice to adopt the referendum was an about turn from its previous position that such a procedure was a violation of the natural rights of Quebec. Hence, all the necessary rhetorical devices to rationalize this new decision were tacked on to the motion. Quebec, for example, would initiate this referendum. The original proposal, drafted by the National Executive, and the Parliamentary wing, read that a referendum would only be utilized "in the case of a breakdown of the negotiations with the federal government," implying that it would be in response to outside pressure.

The significance of the question is hard to grasp because the referendum was not the real subject under debate. Those who opposed the referendum were not opposed to it in principle but were opposed to it on tactical grounds. They held that the P.Q. must come to power on a clearly "independantiste" platform. This implies that a referendum, after indepen-

dence, would be a mere formality, the electorate having made a clear choice at the polls. The role of the party, they argued, should be to further sensitize the population on the national question and gain power, in the long run, on a clear national basis.

Those who favored the referendum did not do so out of principle either, but as a means of bringing more disparate elements into the party such as Union Nationale types. In fact, this new position was first presented by Jean-Francoise Bertrand, after the plenary session of the workshop responsible for drafting the motion. Jean-Francois is the son of Jean-Jacques Bertrand, the former leader of the Union Nationale and ex-premier of Quebec. Jean-Francois Bertrand was elected to the National Executive with two former Union Nationalists, Jerome Proulx and Robert Lussier. The fact that the P.Q. decided to draw together all these various elements forces it to win the next election or die the death of decreasing political cohesion.

The entire convention was carefully orchestrated. Levesque's choices for the national executive were all elected, the party adopted the executive's recommendations at every turn, and the platform was widened to take in the widest range of interests. A good example of this was Lucien Lessard's motion at the end of the congress that would direct the priority of the party in the next six months to rural problems. This is not to say that the issue is not pressing but the manner in which it was done clearly pointed to electoral expedience rather than social concern. The P.Q. realized that to win in Quebec they must leave their urban base and win in the highly dissatisfied rural ridings which are numerically



Rene Levesque.

power will expose its inability to solve the depressing social problems of Quebec and give greater impetus to class based demands across ethnic lines. It will bring into relief the fact that the independence of Quebec is not based solely on national sovereignty but on a clear break from economic dependence on the American corporate system.

The fact that the Montreal Citizens' Movement was able to cut across cultural and language lines, not only in terms of voters' support, but also in terms of active participation, points out that the real problems of Quebec can rally people across traditional divisions.

The role of progressive anglophones at this point should be to participate in actions of a social nature because the future battles in Quebec, independent or not, will ignore cultural distinctions. On the other hand, the P.Q., by its inaccessibility to anglophones, is not an organization to be feared, nor to be fought. It has a role to play in showing through its electoral successes or failures, that the solution of Quebec's problems does not lie solely in political independence. The chances of the P.Q. becoming outrightly reactionary are small since strong progressive elements are still present. At worst, it will develop into a slightly nationalist but conventional party. The "national liberation" of Quebec will take place when class demands come to the forefront, cutting across linguistic and ethnic lines. The accession of a nationalist party not based on clear socialist principles, will make this clear.

This analysis was prepared by Michel Celemenski, James McGregor, and Louise O'Neill.

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Today

Physical and Occupational Undergrad Society: Presenting Professor Lella, sociologist, speaking on "Professional Manipulation". Refreshments. Everyone welcome. McIntyre, Martin Theatre, at 7:30 pm.

McGill Film Society: Gay Divorcee will be shown in L132 at 8 pm. Admission 50 cents.

Multiple Sclerosis: Fight multiple sclerosis by buying Circle K candles. Beautiful Christmas presents cheap. Union, 10 am-4 pm in the Union.

McGill Students of Objectivism: There will be a meeting today at 7 pm in Arts 150. Everyone welcome.

Used ski sale: Last day of collection! Union 124, 9 am to 6 pm.

McGill Chinese Students' Society: Film show tonight at 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm in FDAA.

Motorcycle Club: General meeting, with slide presentation, to discuss party. Union 457, 1 pm.

English Dept: Film Screening — free admission. Scorpio Rising, by Kenneth Anger, 3-5 pm, FDAA.

McGill Players Club: McGill Players presenting a lunchtime production of Jules Feiffer sketches. Union third floor, 12:15 pm, free admission.

McGill for Farmworkers Committee: Important meeting at 5 pm, Union 327. Please be prompt.

Fine Arts Classes: Model and material provided at Morrice Hall 107, 6-8 pm. Instructor Ahmed Yar Khan.

Anthropology Students' Association: Meets today at 4:30 pm in L738.

Evening Concert: Metamusic: live electronic music improvisation ensemble. Redpath Hall, 8 pm, free admission.

Gay McGill: General meeting. Coffee will be served. All welcome. Union B46 at 7:50 pm.

What's What

MALAYSIAN-SINGAPORE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Send contributions to MSSA Bulletin to the editor by Friday, November 22, 7 pm. Call 288-3451 for info.

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Dr. Han Pei-Yuan will present a slide lecture on "Horse: a unique symbol in Chinese Art". Department of Fine Arts lecture room (top floor, west wing Arts building) Thursday, November 21, 3:30 pm.

WOMEN'S UNION

There will be a meeting to revise the electoral by-laws and draw up a budget. All women students (graduate, undergraduate, and part-time) who are interested in partial funding for a specific project are welcome to attend. Thursday, November 21, 7 pm in Union room 467.

LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY

Welcome Party, Saturday, November 23, 9 pm. Union cafeteria. All welcome. Bar and good music.

BRIDGE CLUB

Duplicate game every Tuesday at 6:45 on Union second floor.

ENGLISH DEPT. AUDITIONS

Auditions for drama production of Edward II, by Bertolt Brecht will be held tomorrow night (November 21) at 6 pm in Morrice Hall 106. Male roles only.

SYMPOSIUM

Symposium on the "Male Mystique" at Vanier CEGEP, 821 Ste-Croix Blvd., St-Laurent. November 25-28. For more information call 333-3911.

SKYDIVING CLUB

We need ride offers for this weekend. Put names on form outside office.

PHILOSOPHY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting, Friday, November 22, SBB 548 at 1 pm. All students taking at least one course in philosophy are welcome.

ISA PRESENTS

"Economic Dependence and Regional Integration" from a Caribbean and Malaysian perspective. Friday, November 22, Union B26-7, 7:30 pm.

ARAB STUDENT SOCIETY

Get together at Arab Centre, 317 Ontario East at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 21.

STATUS OF JESUS CHRIST IN ISLAM

Lecture by Dr. Gamal Badawi on Friday, November 22 at 7 pm in L219.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS IN THE FIELD

Bernard Arcand discusses "Genocide on a daily basis: the Quira of Colombia". Thursday, November 21, 1 pm, in L738.

USED SKI SALE

Bring in your used winter sports equipment today. Sale starts Thursday and ends on Saturday, 9 am to 7 pm in Union 124.

Letters

Green replies to article

To the Daily:

I have been moved to write this letter as a result of the uninformed and libelous article entitled "Booksale" scandal revealed", which appeared in the Daily on November 7, 1974.

My anger about this piece of journalism is only superseded by the obvious ineptness of the reporter. It has been my understanding that newspaper articles are to be thoroughly researched and then the facts are to be printed in an unbiased and straightforward manner. This has not been done. In fact, the story in question is misleading, slanted and thus completely incorrect.

I would like to discuss the matter at length.

The management of the booksale undertook this project in good faith. Let there be no question of this.

An exceedingly small percentage of the students who dealt with the Bookstore are involved in this matter.

The most important question is that of the conduct of the sale. Each student consigning books had to fill out a form for each book. On this form were printed, in obvious and bold type, the terms of the sale. That is, that once the sale was completed on the specified date, that no money or books could or would be returned.

Each student was verbally instructed as to the procedures of sale and the sale dates.

Signs posted in the store, at the entrance-exit and in full view, stated the terms and the dates of the sale.

The dates of the sale were included in the eleven Daily ads that were bought.

The sale was extended by two days which gave students more than the original time allotted to return for their books.

Therefore, as far as the manner in which the sale was conducted, I believe there can be no question as to the good faith which was exhibited by the management.

We are dealing here with university people and not with kindergarten children. The students were informed and reformed and it was left up to them as mature people to conduct their affairs in the manner agreed to.

No one was misled by the booksale. Everything was done in good faith and in an above-board fashion.

The only people that are misled are those reading the article in question. The Daily has surely outdone itself in showing careless and haphazard journalism. It has tried to reveal a "scandal", a grand conspiracy on the part of the booksale management. Well, the only scandal revealed is the scandalous way you have abused the power of the press that was entrusted to you. The

article was full of half truths and lies, inferences and innuendos. This type of reporting is detrimental to all involved and should be dealt with harshly.

On that basis, I demand a full retraction and apology, on the front page of the Daily, immediately. You have done an injustice and now you should correct it.

Mark Green

Ed. note: The Daily apologizes for impugning Mark Green's character.

Battle of the Thin Yellow Line

To the Daily:

On behalf of the Engineering Undergraduate Society I wish to publicize the latest exhibit of bad taste and idiocy on the part of the administration of McGill. As everyone has probably seen, McGill put up new signs on most buildings as well as maps in their lobbies showing how one may proceed from building to building without stepping outside. This was probably a good idea, seeing as how McGill is planning to extend this inside passage network to include most buildings on campus. This could pose some difficulties for those unfamiliar with certain buildings.

However, on Nov. 6 workers began contact-cementing 7.6 inch diameter, yellow painted aluminum dots, approximately 1 foot apart in the lobby of McConnell Eng. Bldg. and down the corridor to F.D.A. to begin a line which presumably will go from bldg. to bldg. so that we don't get lost. With maps located in virtually all buildings I am sure that the majority of those on campus, including visitors, could find their way around. For those who couldn't I would be ashamed to think that McGill has degenerated to the point that these people couldn't receive directions by asking someone passing by.

Apart from insulting our intelligence this dotted line, which if permitted will finally wind through all our buildings, is aesthetically revolting.

The administration is looking for money for a new physics building yet it can afford to waste money on something as silly as this.

Unless we wish to be engulfed by yellow dots we should all make our anger and disgust known. A copy of this letter is being sent to Dr. Bell. For those of you who doubt the vulgarity of these dots should come over to the McConnell Bldg. and see for yourselves.

Henry Schafer
Director

E.U.S. Red and White
Committee

Jews denied self-determination
To the Daily:

Re: Editorial November 15/74. Why are we Jews so different from other peoples? Why is it "obligatory" to praise those who kill our men, women, and children, and at the same time deny us the right to self-preservation?

As individuals we have

enjoyed civil, political, even religious rights in many countries. That is not enough! We Jews demand and have achieved the right to determine our own future, to develop our culture, our language, our identity. Just as you support the desire to grant these rights to the Palestinians, or for that matter to the Quebecois, how can you deny them to us?

I don't deny to the Palestinians or any other people the right to decide their own fate. The Jews in Palestine in 1947-48 recognized that by accepting the Partition Plan. But the Palestinian and other Arab leaderships refuse to recognize our rights and even attempted to destroy us. The appearance of the PLO at the UN is a "milestone in their struggle" as you put it, and may well be the first step on their path to self-determination. But as defined by the PLO that self-determination is predicated on the denial of the same right to the Jewish people.

We are not a "religious group" that seeks the toleration of others. We are a people that now has its own state—Israel—and will fight to maintain the right to decide our own destiny.

The majority of Jews in Israel come from the Middle East, but whether our state tries to save the Jews in the USSR or in Iraq from persecution should not and cannot determine whether we have the right to exist as an independent nation. Some day you will realize, as will the Palestinian leadership, that we cannot and will not be denied these rights. The only problem is that before that time arrives, many of us on both sides will have been killed needlessly.

Robert Vineberg M.A.1

Daily politically perverted

To the Daily:

It was with much hurt and embarrassment that I read the Friday, November 15 issue of the McGill Daily. The editorial comment on the criminal organization of Arab terrorists, otherwise known as the Palestinian Liberation Organization was just another example of the biased, insidious and gutless attitude of the Daily editorial staff.

To openly support murder and extortion under the guise of "liberation" is in itself worthy of condemnation, but that the writers of the article did not have the courage and fortitude to sign their own names to it instead of the non-committal signature, "The Editors", is especially worthy of note. It is quite understandable that editors would be too ashamed to link their names with such tripe, but what is beyond comprehension is why they would publish such propaganda in the first place. That kind of irrational nonsense belongs in the garbage, not in a supposedly intelligent university newspaper.

It angers me when I see a student publication being used by an elite for their own perverted political ends. It distresses me further that these "editors" are too cowardly to let

their readers know who they really are. With every McGill Daily that is published, the reputation of McGill University and its students is dirtied a bit more each day.

From one who is not afraid to sign his name.

Leor Margulies
Economics U1

Ed. note: At an editorial board meeting on Tuesday, the nine editors present unanimously agreed on the position taken in the editorial, therefore we signed it "The Editors." The names of most of the editors are listed on the Daily masthead published once a week. The others are available for the asking.

Daily has contradictory ideology

To the Daily:

On October 30, Prof. Yoel Kramer of Tel Aviv University visited the University and was received by a substantial crowd of students and staff. On November 13, Sol Stern also gave a speech at McGill and was welcomed by an equally sizeable group.

It seems odd and indeed suspicious that the Daily allocated neither time nor space to even acknowledge the fact that these commentators actually spoke. It is an undeniable right of an editorial board of a newspaper to provide students with an adequate summary of campus news regardless of whether or not the content of the news is in keeping with the editorial bias of a newspaper. In other words, since the Daily is the property of all McGill students, and since each and every one of us pays fees to support the Daily, the editors must exercise a certain amount of responsiveness and respect the rights of all students and not only the pro-Palestinian groups.

It is undoubtedly your prerogative to actively support Palestinian Liberation Movements. However, take note of the fact that a substantial number of McGill students are Jewish and reconsider your total disregard for pro-Jewish speakers. As a member of McGill's Jewish community, I can only say that I find your blatant indifference to the likelihood that you are offending the Jewish students at McGill, totally reprehensible.

If any of you pseudo-revolutionaries ever bothered to sit down and review the ideology that you are so avidly preaching, you will probably come up with a few contradictions to your behaviour as editors of a newspaper. If the Palestinians are preaching a bi-national state, then they must be aware of the fact that the Jewish people will need to be convinced that they would not be exploited or tricked by their compatriots. The Daily editors seem to be under the illusion that because they voted themselves into office, they are one up on the enemy and can print their own propaganda in every issue. Furthermore, they are using the Daily as a political

arm of the pro-Palestinian groups. All you are getting are a few cheap thrills, in the outcome you will no doubt realize that you have not won—rather that you have regressed that much further in your efforts to propagate Palestinian Liberation to those who really need to be most convinced—the Jews.

Charlie Balass
B. Sc. U1

Ed. note: The writer has misconstrued the Daily's opposition to Zionism as an opposition to Jews. The Daily's disagreement with the racist, imperialist politics represented by Zionism is shared by all members of the editorial board, Jews and non-Jews alike.

Players doing funny sketches

by Allison Rowley

What many people may not know about the McGill Player's Club is that it presents lunch-time productions during the year, absolutely free. One such production is the Feiffer Sketches, starting today at 12:15 and running through to Friday, directed by Tim Chapman.

The production is a series of short skits, all in a TV comedy framework and all very funny. The skits run together in a fast paced production, leaving the audience little time to stop to catch their breath from their laughter.

Feiffer, also noted as a cartoonist, has written these sketches as commentaries on modern society and on the attitudes of people toward love, environment, children, parents, and anything else that they come into contact with. Each skit, with its absurd twist at the end, effectively and amusingly brings home its point.

Most credit must go to the talented cast which brings the sketches to life skillfully and hilariously. All perform with special talent and life, especially Michael Germaine in his role of Bernard, the modern day Everyman. Praise must be extended to Claire Hopkinson in her role as the telephone operator, performing a role as well-polished and subtle as Lily Tomlin's operator on Laugh-In.

Bring your lunch and watch this very worthwhile production of Feiffer's Sketches. You certainly won't be bored, nor without food for thought.

Elitism, business, and sports

by Paul Hoch

Big-time football, perhaps more than any other sport, has a certain conditioning for elitism built right into its rules.

For example, the quarterback, who is almost always white, is the "brain" of the team. He calls the signals and gives the orders, and the linemen have to protect him. He is supposedly more valuable than they are. And he gets a much higher salary.

The quarterback does not even go through the same blocking and tackling drills as the rest of the team, because he might get hurt. In a game, he is involved in less bruising body contact than any other player; but if he does get hit, everyone is worried about him.

The offensive hierarchy's next rung is the backs and the ends. The linemen block for them — get their teeth knocked out for them — but it is the backs and the ends who get the glory.

On defence, it is more of the same. Here the key man is the middle-linebacker. He makes the most tackles, usually calls the defensive signals, and is the man in the middle. He is usually white. Next on the hierarchy are the outside linebackers, who, with very few exceptions, are also white. Behind them are the usually black defensive backs. And in front are the huge and dumb mammoths of the defensive line.

Division of labour

In football, as in industry generally, proliferating specialization fosters elitism. Football has a higher degree of division of labour and specialization than any other American game. Not only are there different positions, but the skills needed to play them are so different that different players come in different body sizes.

And the amount of specialization is increasing. Before the introduction of the free substitution rule, everyone — even the glamour boy quarterback — had to play both offence and defence. There could be no place-kicking specialist, no special punter, no suicide squad for kicks and kick returns.

With the introduction of free substitution a decade ago, the whole situation changed. Some coaches even introduced whole squads of specialists.

"I think football has come to look quite a bit like our country does at certain times," former New York Jets All-Pro flanker George Sauer has said. "I think the powers that keep a football



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player pretty much locked in place throughout his whole career are the same kind of powers that would tend to keep black men, disadvantaged minorities, Mexican Americans, and Indians locked in place. The ideology of football's power structure is pretty much the same as that of the nation's power structure."

Social Darwinism

Sauer added that the ideology of football is connected with the old Social Darwinist ethic that a society is strengthened by a kind of social selection in which everyone competes against everyone else and the best come to the top. He said the sort of people who propagate this "plutocratic, elitist, authoritarian ideology... were the people already up there on top with all the money."

Not surprisingly, Social Darwinism came into vogue in the last third of the 19th century, about when the rise of monopoly capital was making competition at the top of the social pyramid almost a thing of the past.

And Social Darwinism formed not only the perfect cloak for monopoly rule at home, but also the perfect justification for racism and imperialism abroad. The general idea was that those races and classes that had successfully "competed" and made it to the top were obviously most "fit" to rule. The notion was extended to cover the "fitness" of men to rule over women.

Darwin was drafted into the service of elitism, nationalism, racism, sexism, and the general authoritarianism of the prevailing order. If you didn't like it, you were told to keep running, to compete harder.

Spectator sports

Intercollegiate and professional sports are constructed in such a way that a small elite plays while the vast majority watches. The money and resources that might have been put into intramural sports in which everyone could be a

"player" has, instead, been put into sports for an elite, because elite games are more marketable in capitalist society.

There was nothing natural and inevitable about this development. Historically, the split between the field and the stands developed at the same time as the split between the factory managers controlling production and the workers performing their fragmented, bureaucratized tasks on the assembly lines. Both the "fan" and the "unskilled" (or "specialized") worker had to be created.

In practice, both the fans and the players are menials. Those in the stands are encouraged to identify with the "super-masculine" menials on the field — an elite, but only in bodily prowess, an elite socialized to split their minds from their bodies and do what they're told.

Poorly paid workers

Despite all the smooth smokescreens about how college sports produce "well-rounded" men, today's college athletes are little more than extremely poorly paid athletic workers. What sort of "education" does the average college athlete really get? Assuming he actually gets a degree, how much real knowledge goes with it? And what sort of treatment from his coaches has he had to put up with along the way?

The athletes themselves are asking these questions. Even Steve Owens, while he was in the course of winning college football's Heisman Trophy in 1969, told a reporter in *Sport* magazine, "In high school the game was almost entirely fun. Here it's a business. We're supposed to fill that stadium with 60,000 fans and win... I still love the game, but there's so much pressure, sometimes it makes me wonder."

Now that he is in the (openly) professional ranks, it must be even worse.

Frank Champi, Harvard's star quarterback who decided he'd had enough after the second game of the 1969 season, said he quit because football was "...too mechanized. It doesn't allow for the human being... We're like pieces of machinery... The whole concept of machine sports was just stopping me."

Athletic machines

The next year, Fred Abbott, a sophomore linebacker at Florida billed as a potential All-American, walked off the team saying, "The game has been exploited. I felt like a machine. The coaches called the shots, and we just moved around."

"The game has evolved into a business, but with the pretext that it is a game. Coaches stress that winning is everything, but sportsmanship has been taken out of it."

How could they make these statements? It wasn't easy.



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...athletes are severed.

These players are up against authoritarian athletic institutions and also the relative isolation, narrow world view, and distorted self-identities imposed on the athletes themselves — imposed not just by one coach, but usually by their whole athletic upbringing.

From the first time our aspiring athlete made it to his first school or little league team, he had to keep his hair "neatly trimmed", possibly even in an Army crew-cut. Already he was being set aside, made to look different from other kids. More than likely, all his friends would tend to be fellow athletes or athletic boosters. If he was good at the game, his girl-friend may even have been a cheerleader.

By the time he was in college, he may have been living in a separate athletic dormitory, eating his meals separately, certainly taking separate — and usually, inferior — courses, possibly even going to separate parties or hanging about with a separate jock-set (most campuses have "jock" fraternities).

In short, by the time he makes it to the first team of the college varsity, he is likely to be totally locked into the narrow jock world and the jock mentality.

Intellectually, the varsity or professional athlete is likely to have been held back — more or less deliberately retarded — to be more fully exploited as an

athletic commodity. At the big-time universities, practice sessions are apt to be so long and so frequent the athletes don't have time for courses. Lacking any intellectual background — even one that comes from having broad student friendships and involvements — the varsity or pro athlete cannot imagine doing anything that would bring him the same social rewards and prestige as sports, temporary as that prestige may be. His whole self-identity is athletics.

Some rebel

Even so, many have rebelled. But it is difficult. And those that do rebel are usually so appalled by what they see that they seldom wait around for an authoritarian coach to boot them off the team. They just quit.

The odd pro footballer who quits — in George Sauer's case giving up a \$45,000-a-year contract — gets big publicity. But thousands of high school and college athletes have done the same.

It is one of the main tragedies of today's militarized, commercialized sports that athletes have been so brutalized by the society around them that an athlete who really enjoys sports and wants to be something more than a jock-machine finds that there is no place for him — unless of course, he gets together with other athletes to change things.

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Women's hockey

by Carol Jefferies

The McGill Super Squaws decisively won their first league game of the season Friday, November 5, with an 11-1 victory over Sir George. McGill hit the scoreboard early in the first period as Sue Paquette slipped the puck past Sir George's goalie on a breakaway. Throughout the rest of the period, McGill seemed to be trying to find its hockey legs and despite many shots on nets, they could not find the mark again until just three seconds were remaining in the period.

The second stanza found both teams more aggressive as

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McGill played over one third of the period shorthanded. All of Sir George's power play attempts were effectively smothered. The defencemen tallied for two early in the period as Kathy White (KW) scored at 2:35 and Wendy Sallsch put one in with a sizzling shot after leaving the penalty box. Michele (Hoops) Hooper broke the game open as she scored three goals in quick succession, leaving the score 7-0 at the end of the second period. Fern Waxman

had played two periods of shutout hockey in goal for the Squaws before relinquishing her position in goal to Terry Ballantyne in the third period.

At one minute into the third period SGWU caught the Squaws napping and Merle Parkinson put the puck into the twine on a pass from Kathy Bennett. A fourth for Hoops and three others made the final score 11-1. The next game is Thursday night, 8:00 pm at Loyola.

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*** Last year's representatives should re-apply.

Diving results

Friday night, November 15, the McGill girls defeated Universite Laval, York University and Vanier College in an exciting 'season opener.'

Individual results

In the 400 medley relay, the McGill team battled to a three second win over their arch rivals—Universite Laval. In 4:44.3. DeeDee Cornell and Nickie Menemenlis (National University Swimmers) were not up to their pace of last year, but newcomer Wong Hing Tso from Hong Kong added a strong breast stroke leg, and Anne Summers from Rosemere smashed through to win it with a 59.2.

The 200 free style was a cliff hanger with Lise Roy, a newcomer to Laval touching out McGill's Peggy Delaney in 2:13 flat. Vango Smith also from McGill was a strong contender until the sixth lap finishing third.

York University plugged the gaps in the 200 backstroke finishing 1-2 in a judges decision for Ammodt; Bewley second and McGill's Cornell third followed by Laval's Fountaine, a close fourth.

Laval's starry Diane Drainville turned in a good early season's performance in 100 breast stroke to win in 1:17.2, pressed by McGill's Wong Hing Tso with third going to Dooley of Vanier College.

In the 100 butterfly, Nickie Menemenlis overcame Westfall of York in 1:13.5, a slow pace for her.

More results

In the 50 free and 50 fly McGill's Anne Summers held off all comers, winning the first in 26.3 and the second in 30.5. In the free Laval's Solange Thivierge pulled to a second place finish with York's Sue Alderson taking third. In the 50 fly, Candy Miller of York nipped off second leaving third for Menemenlis of McGill.

In the grueling 400 freestyle race, Laval's Lise Roy led the field and finished in 4:39.9. Sue Scott of York fought off Dooley from Vanier College for second.

In the 200 individual medley, McGill's Peggy Delaney held off Laval's best to win in 2:30.5 with Drainville second and Louise Poirier third.

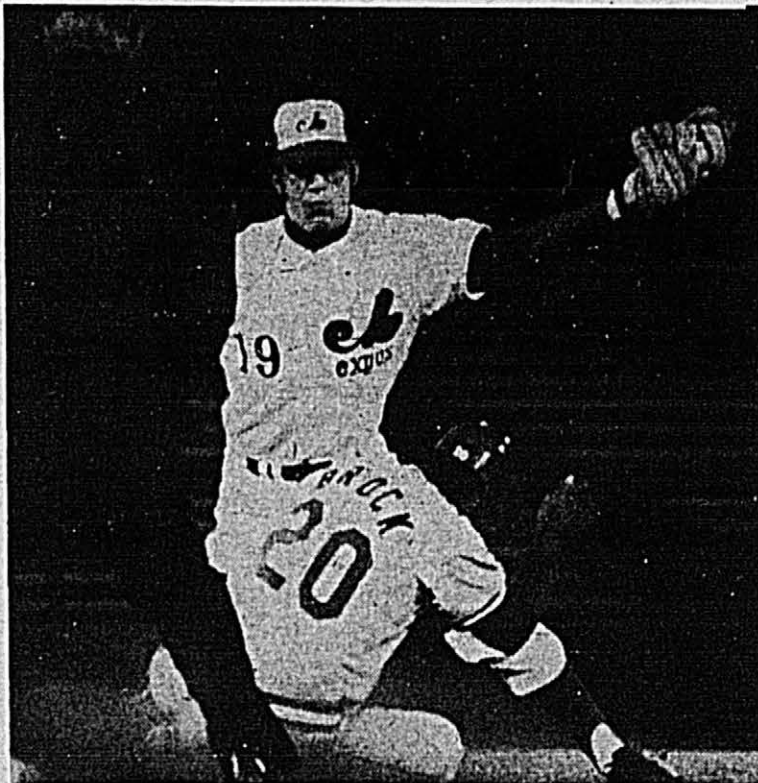
In the hotly contested 100 free style Anne Summers starred again with a 59.7. York's Alderson finished in 1:01.1 and Thivierge and Lise Roy hit the wall at 1:02 flat.

In the 200 breast stroke, Diane Drainville showed fine early season conditioning as she swam 2:48.3 to win. McGill's Delaney showed perseverance in her second place finish and the newcomer to the Quebec scene, Wong Hing Tso finished a good strong third.

The last event was the exciting 400 free style relay. The McGill four showed great staying power as Menemenlis,

Sports

Lou robbed



It's a dubious old sports axiom that no one knows less about the business than the writers. However, a few new resounding shouts of "hear, hear" were added last week when the National League division of the Baseball Writers Association of America (definitely not a credit to their race) once again displayed its infamous nebulous thinking in selecting Dodger first baseman Steve Garvey over the Cardinals' leftfielder Lou Brock.

If you care to recall, last year the BBWAA incredibly picked Pete Rose over Willie Stargell and Bobby Bonds. These two choices, coupled with others from the past, insures the accuracy of the observation that the summation of this group's mental processes is equivalent to an intellectual bankruptcy.

Say it ain't so

Just how they can arrive at such bad choices year after year is beyond the scope of any rational man. Who contributed more to his team? Just ask yourself this. Where would the Cards have been without Brock? Also, who would you have rather paid to see? Brock or Garvey? If your idea of excitement is watching a two left-footed firstbaseman hit twenty homeruns, it's time to take up knitting with Grandma.

Delaney, Young, and Summers won 4:18.4, Laval second with 4:23, York-4:24.3 and Vanier-4:35.6.

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